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"AN ACT CONCERNING IDENTIFICATION OF HARVESTED SHELLFISH."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of
4 Agriculture shall direct the shellfish commission of the town of
5 Westport to manage and administer shellfish grounds currently under
6 the control of said department and commonly known as "Cockenoe
7 Flats".

8 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of the general statutes to
9 the contrary, the shellfish commission of the town of Westport shall
10 issue a clamming permit to any Connecticut resident who provides
11 proof to said commission of his or her state residency and who pays
12 the permit fee required by this subsection. Such permit fee shall be
13 fifteen dollars annually. Such permit fee for a resident of this state who
14 provides proof that he or she is sixty-five years of age or older shall be

15 five dollars annually. Said commission shall not limit the number of
16 clamming permits issued pursuant to this subsection. Clamming
17 permits issued pursuant to this subsection shall expire on the thirty-
18 first day of December each year.

19 (c) A holder of a clamming permit issued pursuant to subsection (b)
20 of this section may harvest not more than one-half bushel of clams
21 within a twenty-four-hour period from Cockenoe Flats. The minimum
22 size of any clam harvested from said flats shall not be less than one
23 and one-quarter inches in diameter.

24 (d) All permit fees collected by the shellfish commission of the town
25 of Westport pursuant to subsection (b) of this section shall be used by
26 said commission to maintain and improve Cockenoe Flats, including,
27 but not limited to, seeding shellfish beds located within said flats.

28 (e) The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to extend the
29 jurisdiction of the town of Westport to any shores, beaches or flats not
30 within the jurisdiction of said town on or before the effective date of
31 this section.

32 (f) A person who harvests clams from Cockenoe Flats without first
33 obtaining a permit pursuant to subsection (b) of this section or who
34 harvests clams smaller than the minimum size limit specified in
35 subsection (c) of this section shall be fined not more than one hundred
36 dollars."